

## NOTES AND NEWS

In view of the greatly increased cost of printing the Wilson Bulletin, and in view of the impossibility of securing an early expression from all of our membership relative to an increase in membership dues and subscription price before 1918, it has been decided to make certain changes in the body of the Wilson Bulletin, beginning with this number, and to publish a magazine of only 48 pages per issue, and not to exceed four illustrations per number, unless the author of an article is willing to meet the cost of illustrations in excess of four. It is believed that the present high prices are temporary, and that with the return of normal conditions it will again be possible to resume the printing of a magazine of 64 or more pages without any increase of dues or subscription price. It is not deemed wise to reduce expenses by the use of cheaper paper or smaller type.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING of the WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB was held in the parlors of the New Morrison Hotel, Chicago, on December 27 and 28, 1916. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Professor T. L. Hankinson, of Charleston, Ill. The Rev. W. F. Henninger was chosen to act as presiding officer for the sessions. There were 44 members in attendance.

The following papers were read during the session:

Some Rare Birds Observed at LaGrange, Illinois, by Edmund Hulsberg, LaGrange, Illinois.

Relation of Migratory Flights of Birds to Weather Conditions, by Professor Frank Smith, Urbana, Illinois.

Ecology trip on the Coast of Washington, by Charlotte Weatherill, Elgin, Illinois.

Recent Adventures in Bird Photography, by Alvin R. Cahn, Madison, Wisconsin.

Some Methods in Bird Photography, by Ralph Wager, DeKalb, Illinois.

Exhibition of some Peculiar and Beautiful Birds from different Parts of the World, by H. K. Coale, Highland Park, Illinois.

The Birds of Harney Valley, by Gerard Alan Abbott, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.

Field Observations and Notes from the Chicago Area for 1916, by C. W. G. Eifrig, River Forest, Illinois.

An Interesting Spot in Northeastern Illinois, by Collin C. Sanborn, Chicago, Illinois.

The Work of the Illinois Audubon Society, by O. M. Schantz, Cicero, Illinois.

The Diary of a New England Ornithologist, by Rev. W. F. Henninger, New Bremen, Ohio.

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The following papers were read by title since the authors were not present and time did not permit their being read in full:

Certain Problems of the Genus *Dendroica*, John Treadwell Nichols, New York, N. Y.

An Ornithological Survey of Scott's Bluff, Nebraska, Myron H. Swenk, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Some Anecdotes of Bird Life, O. J. Wescott, Chicago, Illinois.

The Iowa Lake Laboratory with special reference to Bird work carried on there, Professor T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa.

A Red-eye Vireo Study, Professor T. C. Stephens.

A Cat-proof Bird Shelter, Thomas H. Whitney, Atlantic, Iowa.

Disappearance of Bird Life in Northeastern Iowa, Ellison Orr, Waukon, Iowa.

A Bird Review of Rockford, Illinois, and Vicinity for the year 1916, Paul B. Riis, Rockford, Illinois.

The Workings of Federal Conservation as illustrated by the Washington Bird Reservations, Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

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Two illustrated lectures were given for the Wednesday evening programme, which were as follows:

Observations on the Breeding Habits of the Night Heron, by Ralph E. Wager, Northern Illinois State Normal School, DeKalb, Illinois.

The Albatrosses of Laysan and the Mating and Nesting Habits of *Fregata Aquila*, by Homer R. Dill, director of Vertebrate Museum, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Certain actions taken during the sessions, together with the report of the Treasurer, will be placed before the entire membership presently.

The following persons were elected to membership:

#### ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Walter W. Bennet, Grinnel, Iowa (now associate);

Miss Bertha Burnett, 1201 East Third St., Mishawaka, Ind.;

Samuel F. Folt, Waukegan, Iowa;

J. S. Huxley, Rice Institute, Houston, Texas;

John Treadwell Nichols, Am. Museum Nat. Hist., New York;  
 Charles J. Spiker, Blairsburg, Iowa;  
 Eugene Swope, Box 9, College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio;  
 Mrs. H. J. Taylor, 1711 Douglas St., Sioux City, Iowa;  
 Fred Truesdale, Shandon, California;  
 Ralph Wager, State Normal School, DeKalb, Illinois;  
 Chas. Wescott, 152 North Scoville Ave., Oak Park, Illinois;  
 Alex. Wetmore, Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.;  
 H. L. Stoddard, 7141 University Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. W. H. Bergtold, 1159 Race St., Denver, Colorado;  
 F. E. Burgess, Cushing, Iowa;  
 George S. Easton, 1814 Morningside Ave., Sioux City, Iowa;  
 Mr. A. F. Ewers, 3411 Pestalozzi St., St. Louis, Mo.;  
 Carroll Lane Fenton, 409 St. Charles St., Charles City, Iowa;  
 Charles W. Finley, 216 N. Ward St., Macomb, Illinois;  
 Edward H. Forbush, Mass. State Ornithologist, Room 136 State  
 House, Boston, Mass.;

E. W. Hadeler, Painesville, Ohio, Assoc.;

W. R. Griffith, 4914 Fourth Ave., Sioux City, Iowa;  
 W. J. Knobbs, Troy, Iowa;  
 Miss Pearl Koehn, 900 S. Seventh St., Burlington, Iowa;  
 G. O. Ludcke, 2803 Pierce St., Sioux City, Iowa;  
 P. J. McCullough, Union House, Delaware, Ohio;  
 Geo. F. McNair, 125 North Eleventh St., Cedar Rapids, Iowa;  
 W. A. Matheny, Athens, Ohio;  
 Katherine Mauthe, 1436 Second Ave., South, Fort Dodge, Iowa;  
 George R. Mayfield, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.;

Professor E. Palmer, Cedar Falls, Iowa;  
 F. H. Redmond, 3229 Berkeley Ave., Berwyn, Illinois;  
 Kenneth L. Rowe, Iowa Falls, Iowa;  
 Mrs. R. O. Ryder, 1041 Franklin Ave., Columbus, Ohio;  
 Mr. Robert P. Scholte, Pella, Iowa;  
 H. A. Scullen, Station "A", Ames, Iowa;  
 Mr. Dayton Stoner, 603 Summit St., Iowa City, Iowa;  
 Professor A. C. Webb, 308 Wilburn St., Nashville, Tenn.;

O. J. Wescott, Maywood, Illinois;  
 Noel J. Williams, Arnold's Park, Iowa;  
 C. B. Corey, Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois;  
 George Bennet, Iowa City, Iowa.

T. L. HANKINSON, Secretary.

### MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

An informal report was given stating that an official membership list is being constructed for the Secretary's office. This was published in as good condition as possible in the June number of the Wilson Bulletin, with requests for corrections to be sent to the Secretary. Many of these were received, and they have been used to produce a much better and more accurate list, which will be printed in one of the 1917 numbers of the Bulletin.

The programme of the present meeting was arranged by the Secretary with some help from the President, Mr. T. C. Stephens.

The minutes of the 1915 meeting at Columbus, Ohio, were written up and sent in for publication in the Wilson Bulletin. They appeared in the March, 1916, number.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The report of the treasurer was read by Mr. P. B. Coffin, and by a motion, it was turned over to the auditing committee, appointed by the Chairman, Rev. W. F. Henninger.

This committee is composed of two members, Mr. O. M. Shantz and Mr. E. R. Ford.

It will report to the Secretary a short time after the Annual Meeting, as soon as the accounts and reports can be examined and audited.

#### NAME OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

The motion to change the name from Wilson Ornithological Club to Wilson Ornithological Society was voted down, and the old name is to be retained.

#### PRINTED PROGRAMMES.

The Club expressed a desire, by motion, that printed programmes be prepared for future meetings and that these be placed in the hands of members as long as possible before the meeting.

#### SUMMER FIELD MEETING.

A motion was made that the Club thankfully accept Mr. Stephens' invitation to have a summer field meeting at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory in the summer of 1917. It was carried.

#### ORNITHOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

At the suggestion of Mr. J. S. Huxley of Houston, Texas, in a letter to the Secretary, a committee was appointed to collect important notes on birds, obtained by Club members and others in their field work, and organize and arrange these for publication.

The following committee was appointed for this purpose:

- Professor T. H. Huxley, Rice Institute, Houston, Texas.
- Professor H. S. Dill, Vertebrate Museum, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Professor Frank Smith, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

#### CHANGE IN OFFICERS.

Mr. P. B. Coffin proposed that the Constitution be so changed, That the Business Management of the Club be in the hands of two or three men, who shall constitute the Executive Committee, one of whom might be some business man or newspaper man or advertising man who need not be a member of the Club,

That the people constituting this executive committee should be appointed by the General Council,

That the General Council consist of the President, the Recording Secretary, and a series of Vice-Presidents or, if preferred, Associated Fellows, one of whom should be named from each state where the Club has twenty-five or more members, and one should be named from each organization affiliated with the Club. This General Council should meet once a year to determine the policy of the Club, but it would not have anything to do with its business detail. Each Vice-President or Associated Fellow would be held responsible for his own state and have the following duties:

- A. to solicit new members,
- B. to obtain reports and articles for the Wilson Bulletin,
- C. to give information,

That all of the correspondence of the Club be centered in one place, and all of its records should be kept at one point, by having one man be Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. One man should be Editor of the Bulletin, and a third should be Business Manager. These three men should be located where they can meet together at least once a month, and their communication to the Club members should be through the Bulletin.

#### CONSERVATION.

The Club voted that it go on record as urging the County Commissioners to establish Bird and Wild Life Havens in the prospective Outer Park Forest belt of Cook County, Illinois.

Mr. O. M. Schantz was appointed to represent the Wilson Club in conferences, to be held with a view to securing this Forest Preserve.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

- President, Rev. W. F. Henninger, New Bremen, Ohio.
- Vice-President and Business Manager, George L. Fordyce, Youngstown, Ohio.

Secretary, Gerard Alan Abbott, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan.  
Treasurer, F. M. Phelps, Elyria, Ohio.

Editor of the Wilson Bulletin, Professor Lynds Jones, Oberlin,  
Ohio.

Extra members of the Executive Council, Professor T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa; T. L. Hankinson, Charleston, Illinois; Percival B. Coffin, Chicago, Illinois.

#### ATTENDANCE.

Forty-four persons registered their attendance at the meeting. These are distributed as follows:

- 19 from Chicago,
- 20 from Illinois outside Chicago,
- 1 from Ohio,
- 1 from Tennessee,
- 1 from Iowa,
- 1 from Wisconsin,
- 1 from Michigan.